

# E U Wine Regulations Third Country Wine

## Third Country Still Wine - non Geographical Origin

(for Sparkling wine see separate guidance notes)

These details must be visible on a label without having to turn the bottle

- **Wine/Country**
- **Actual Alcoholic strength**
- **Nominal volume**

These may be in the same or a different field of vision

- **Lot Number**
- **Importer's details**
- **Bottler's details**
- **Contains sulphites (or sulfites, sulphur dioxide)**

### Display of information

These items must be in indelible type and clearly distinguishable from other text.

### Wine/Country of origin

1. Wine of [ ] or 2. Product of [ ] or 3. Produced in [ ]. If 2 or 3 is used Wine must also be shown as the category of the product.

Importer's and bottler's addresses where either of these contain a protected designation of origin or geographical indication this must be no more than half the size of the word Wine.

### Nominal Volume in litres, centilitres or millilitres & expressed in figures

e.g. 75cl, 375ml

Advisory minimum height requirement (Trading Standards or Environmental Health are responsible for Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) enforcement and guidance).

- 6mm if nominal volume exceeds 100cl.
- 4mm high if equal to or less than 100cl., but greater than 20cl.
- 3mm high if equal to or less than 20cl

### Alcohol content phrase must be expressed in Whole or Half unit formats –

e.g. XX%vol. or XX.5%vol. and may be preceded by the words 'Actual Alcoholic strength'; 'Actual Alcohol' or the abbreviation 'Alc.' Min height i) 3mm : over 20cl-100cl ii) 5mm : over 100cl iii) 2 mm : 20cl or less

### Lot number

Lot number: advice on correct layout of a lot number (usually with prefix L) should be obtained from Trading Standards authorities

### Optional items

Limited optional items are permitted for non geographic Wine e.g. brand name, colour, residual sugar description (e.g. dry, medium dry). Further details are permitted if they do not conflict with specified information and they do not mislead to a material degree.

A vine variety and/or vintage may not be shown on any label for this category of wine unless it has been certified as a Varietal Wine.

### Units of alcohol and health warning information

The UK has a voluntary Alcohol Labelling Scheme in May 2007 for the inclusion of health warning information. This is not under the remit of the Wine Standards Branch.

**This information is provided for guidance and is not definitive.**

Legal sources Regulation 491/2009 and Regulation 607/2009

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## Third Country Wine with Geographical Indication

These details must be visible on a label without having to turn the bottle

- **Wine/country**
- **Designation of Origin/Geographical Indication**
- **Nominal Volume**

These may be in the same or a different field of vision

- **Lot Number**
- **Importer's details**
- **Bottler's details**
- **Contains sulphites (or sulfites, sulphur dioxide)**

### **Compulsory Particulars**

must be in indelible type and clearly distinguishable from surrounding text and graphics.

#### Wine/Country of origin

1. Wine of [ ] or 2. Product of [ ] or 3. Produced in [ ].

Importer's and bottler's addresses where either of these contain a protected designation of origin or geographical indication, this must be no more than half the size of the name of the protected geographical name.

#### Nominal Volume in litres, centilitres or millilitres & expressed in figures

e.g. 75cl, 375ml

Advisory minimum height requirement (Trading Standards or Environmental Health are responsible for Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) enforcement and guidance).

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Lot number: advice on correct layout of a lot number (usually with prefix L) should be obtained from Trading Standards authorities

### **Optional items**

Specified optional items permitted include brand name, colour, vine variety, vintage. A more detailed list is shown in *EU Still Wine – Protected Designation Origin/Geographical Indication*.

Further details are permitted, providing they do not mislead to a material degree.

Traditional terms "methods of production"

Specified terms which have been notified by Third Countries listed in Annex XII.B of Regulation 607/2009 may be only used by those countries for the category(ies) of wine specified.

**Bilateral Agreements** between the EU and Australia, Chile, South Africa, Switzerland and USA have specific provisions which may override general Third Country provisions. see the European Commission web link for the individual Agreements

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/wine/third/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/wine/third/index_en.htm)

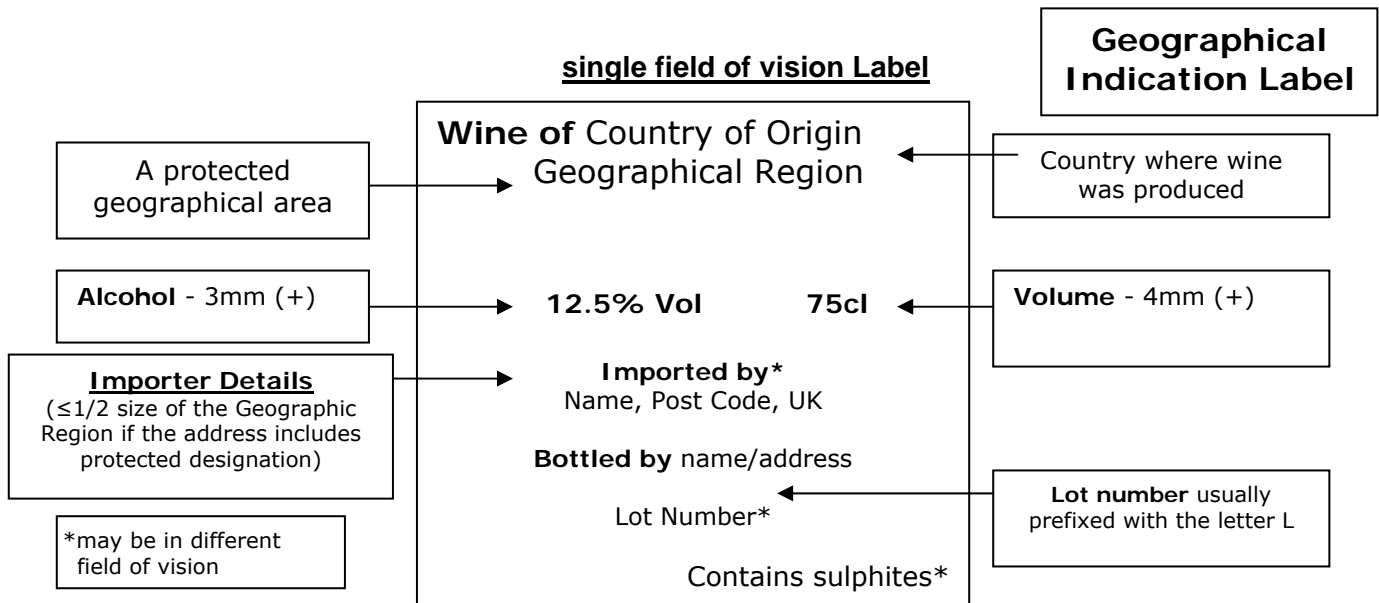
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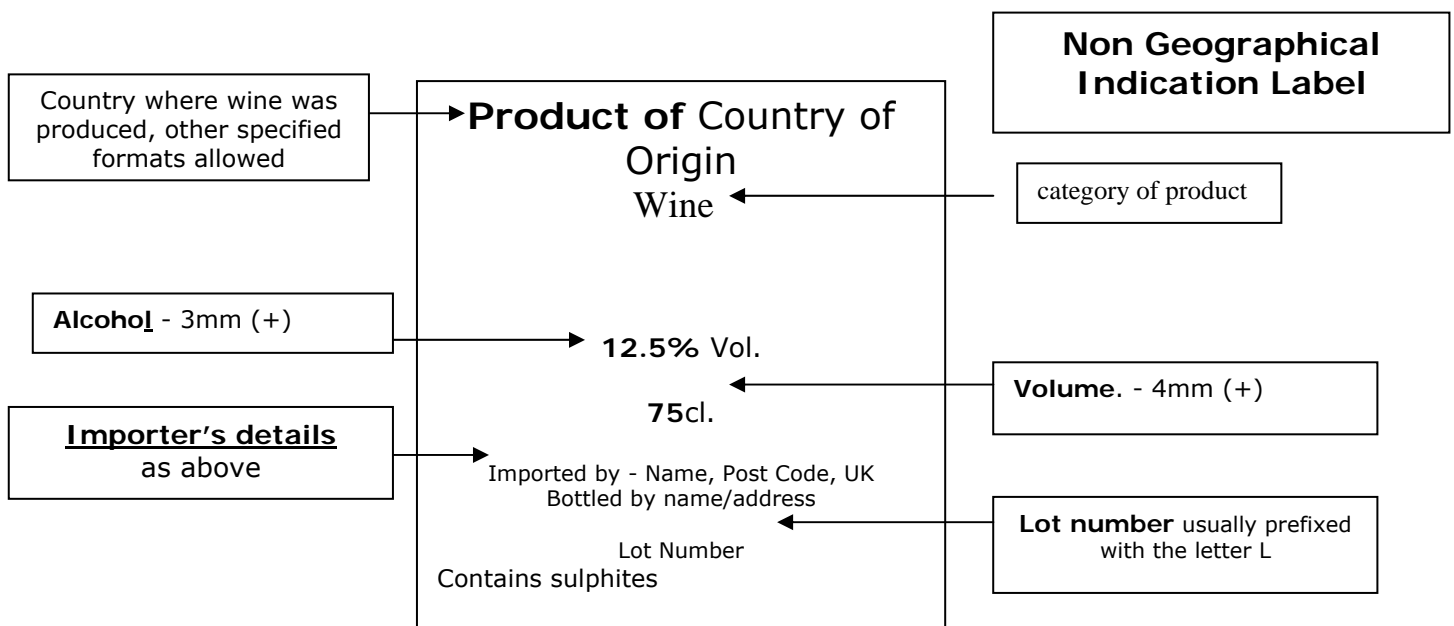
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## Non E U Compulsory label details



Check briefing notes for optional information including permitted vine varieties.



### **Compulsory Particulars must be shown as in the examples above**

These should be grouped in the same visual field ..... and clearly distinguishable from other text or graphics. This can be achieved for example by the use of a line or a border surround or different background colouring or separate label to differentiate the Compulsory Particulars from any optional information.

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